

May 31, 2006

Mr. Dwayne D. Yoshina Chief Election Officer Office of Elections 802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

RE: Hawaii State Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Legislature

Dear Mr. Yoshina:

We write as a follow-up to our letter dated May 19, 2006 to make revisions to the Final Reading passage date and vote for S.B. No. 1256, H.D. 1. The proposed constitutional amendment questions with the exact wording and voting as specified in the legislation adopted are as follows:

1. S.B. No. 1256, H.D. 1, entitled:

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 6, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

QUESTION: "Shall the governor be required to select board of regents candidates from a pool of qualified candidates screened and proposed by a candidate advisory council for the board of regents of the University of Hawaii as provided by law?"

S.B. No. 1256, H.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the Senate on April 25, 2005, with 21 members voting in the affirmative and Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 12, 2005, with 41 members voting in the affirmative.

2. H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled:

PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SALARY COMMISSION.

QUESTION: "Shall the Constitution be amended to provide for a salary commission to review and recommend salaries for justices, judges, state legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the administrative director of the State, state department heads or executive officers of the executive departments, and the deputies or assistants to department heads of the executive departments, excluding the superintendent of education and the president of the University of Hawaii?"

H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives on May 2, 2006, with 51 members voting in the affirmative, and Final Reading in the Senate on May 2, 2006, with 20 members voting in the affirmative.

3. S.B. No. 995, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 entitled:

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.

QUESTION: "Shall the mandatory retirement age of seventy for all state court justices and judges be repealed?"

S.B. No. 995, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives on May 2, 2006, with 38 members voting in the affirmative, and Final Reading in the Senate on May 2, 2006, with 19 members voting in the affirmative.

4. S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled:

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT.

QUESTION: "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to provide that in continuous sexual assault crimes against minors younger than fourteen years of age, the legislature may define:

- (1) What behavior constitutes a continuing course of conduct; and
- (2) What constitutes the jury unanimity that is required for a conviction?"

S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives on May 2, 2006, with 51 members voting in the affirmative, and Final Reading in the Senate on May 2, 2006, with 25 members voting in the affirmative.

5. S.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled:

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSITUTION.

QUESTION: "Shall the State be authorized to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises serving important agricultural lands?"

S.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives on May 2, 2006, with 51 members voting in the affirmative, and Final Reading in the Senate on May 2, 2006, with 25 members voting in the affirmative.

We write to conform with the provisions of Section 11-119 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes which state in pertinent part:

"Whenever the chief elec tion officer is responsible for the printing of ballots, the exact wording to appear thereon, including, but not limited to, questions and issues shall be submitted to the chief election officer not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth calendar day prior to the applicable election."

Sincerely,

Paul T. Kawaguchi Clerk of the Senate Patricia Mau-Shimizu Clerk of the House

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CC: Mr. Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General